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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS ON BORDER ATTACK ON ZAIRE

REF: (A) MAPUTO 256, (B) MAPUTO 266

1. IN PAST TWO DAYS LOCAL PRESS HAS STEPPED-UP ITS COVERAGE OF BORDER ATTACK ON ZAIRE. NOTICIAS MARCH 18 CARRIED LONG FRONT PAGE ARTICLE CONTAINING EX-CERPTS AND COMMENTARY ON AN UNDATED ANGOLAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE COMMUNIQUE. COMMUNIQUE AND COMMENTARY DENIED THAT ANGOLAN TROOPS OR ARMS WERE BEING USED IN THE FIGHTING IN SHABA PROVINCE, NOTED THAT U.S. AND OTHER "CAPITALIST POWERS" WERE NOW ASSISTING ZAIRE AND CLAIMED THAT "CAPITALIST AID" TO ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR BRINGING ABOUT A NEW VIETNAM IN ZAIRE. ARTICLE ALSO NOTED THAT MEMBERS OF THE CONGOLESE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT HAD CAPTURED THE ZAIRIAN TOWNS OF KAPANGA, DILOLO AND KISENGE AND HAD INFLICTED "SERIOUS REVERSES" ON ZAIRIAN TROOPS.

2. MARCH 17 EDITION OF NOTICIAS DA BEIRA ALSO CARRIED PROMINENT FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ON SITUATION IN ZARE UNDER HEADLINE: "ORGANIZED BY IMPERIALIST--PLAN OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ANGOLAN  
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STARTING FROM ZAIRE." ARTICLE NOTED WESTERN ASSISTANCE TO MOBUTO GOVERNMENT AND THEN ALLEGED THAT ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT IN COMPLICITY WITH WESTERNIMPERIALISTS HAD CREATED SITUATION IN SHABA AS "DIVERSIONARY MANEUVER IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY ZAIRIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST ANGOLA."DE PREE

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